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Livingston Alumni News

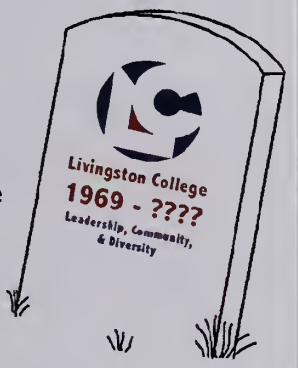
PREVENT THE END OF LIVINGSTON COLLEGE

Livingston College is in jeopardy of becoming a college of the past.

As part of the proposed restructuring plan, "Transforming Undergraduate Education," a report released in mid-July by Rutgers University, Livingston, along with Douglass, Cook, University and Rutgers Colleges, would be absorbed into one umbrella "Rutgers College of Arts and Sciences." Livingston and the above colleges will become nothing more than residential campuses. The major points of the report that will impact Livingston and the other above-mentioned colleges are:

Admission requirements and graduation requirements would be revamped into a uniform set of standards.

Prospective students would apply to the one College of Arts and Sciences and then choose which residential "campus" she/he wishes to live on. Livingston, Douglass, Busch, Cook and Queens (now College Avenue) would be redesignated as campuses only; they would no longer be "college entities."



It remains to be seen what would or could become of individual alumni associations, including the LAA.

The entire report can be accessed on line at: www.SaveLivingstonCollege.com

Livingston College: A Leader

Livingston College was established as a forward-thinking, multi-cultural, multi-discipline college with a multitude of opportunities for the diverse community it serves. It has long been a vanguard in this endeavor, a college with excellent leadership and, consequently, outstanding graduates who have distinguished themselves not only statewide, but nationally and internationally with their achievements in such fields as medicine, law, business and finance, athletics and the arts.

For 36 years, Livingston College has been a symbol of our times, reflected in its diverse student make-up as well as in its course offerings. And it retains the intimacy of a smaller college where students are able to interact readily with faculty and staff.

Why keep Livingston College?

- Its attractive small-school atmosphere
- Special academic offerings
- Its personal and personable academic and social counseling services
- Real-life, internship program opportunities
- Leadership development opportunities in student government, clubs and organizations

Speak up. Act now.

Go to http://www.SaveLivingstonCollege.org to learn how your voice can be heard.

Other ways you can take action
Send an email to:

Rutgers President Richard McCormick at koncsol@oldqueens.rutgers.edu
Livingston Dean Arnold Hyndman, Hyndman@rci.rutgers.edu
Acting Governor of NJ Richard J. Codey, go to http://www.nj.gov/governor/govmail.html

Attend a public forum, Friday, October 14, 10 a.m., at the Livingston Student Center. Contact the Livingston Alumni Association at LAAemail@alumni.rutgers.edu for more info and other ways you can let your voice be heard.

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The Dean's Voice

My View of the Future of Undergraduate Education at Rutgers University
Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D.
Dean, Livingston College

Continuous improvement should be a constant feature of every research university. Rutgers University is no exception with an impressive list of improvements in undergraduate education spanning the last three decades. The Task Force in Undergraduate Education is the most recent university-wide mechanism for a broad review of undergraduate education. Our geography and history coupled with strong commitment among our faculty and academic staff represents a unique opportunity to provide a rich and stimulating environment for undergraduates. I believe that small focused learning centers are a highly effective means for organizing undergraduate education at Rutgers-New Brunswick.

The Task Force did an excellence job identifying areas of strength and concern with the current system of delivery of undergraduate education. The vast majority of its recommendations provide a positive framework for improvements in undergraduate education. There are a some organizational recommends that I believe require modification, and a few which will not serve the university to create a strong, personalized learning environment for undergraduates.

I support the following principles suggested by the Task Force:

☐ a core curriculum built around one set of expectations and that articulates a distinctive vision of how our undergraduate education is connected to the work of a major public research university

☐ an admissions policy built around one set of standards for all arts and sciences applicants

☐ a discussion of student experiences in New Brunswick built around one standard of service and access

☐ a structure of undergraduate education that treats all students equally and gives all students equal access to the University's resources, no matter on which campus they choose to affiliate with.

☐ campus planning for classrooms and student support facilities that provides equity of resources available to students on all our campuses and a commitment to designing the university in ways that

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LAA Rejects

Proposal Response from the LAA
Yash V. Dalal
President, LAA

We, the Livingston Alumni Association, are unequivocally opposed to the recommendation of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education at Rutgers University that Livingston College be eliminated and replaced with a residential campus.

Livingston College is a distinctive and valuable educational institution, at the heart of which lies the spirit of social responsibility and cultural awareness. For example, Livingston was one of the first colleges in the country, and the first at Rutgers, to offer a major in leadership development. The small, more cohesive atmosphere at Livingston College promotes more interaction between students and the faculty and staff. Students also have more opportunities to take leadership roles in student government, clubs and organizations. We must maintain the small school atmosphere within the larger research university.

Since its creation in 1969, Livingston College has always represented visionary thought. In a true reflection of those times, Livingston College extolled the virtues of diversity and community. Those two concepts became increasingly important over the last thirty-six years, and are at the core of some of the most critical issues facing the world today. As such, Livingston College is a symbol of our times.

The LAA also wholeheartedly supports the continuation of Douglass College and University College, because each contributes meaningfully to Rutgers University.

Although the Report of the Task Force contains many positive suggestions, we feel that the elimination of the current undergraduate college structure overshadows any of those suggestions. Without such a drastic and unnecessary removal of the individual colleges, the University community could have had a more meaningful dialogue about the positive improvements suggested by the Task Force.

Regardless, the LAA will continue its efforts to reach out to alumni, faculty, and administrators to maintain the visionary college that is Livingston and enable many future generations of students to experience the benefits of a truly unique college experience.

PREVENT THE END - SAVE LIVINGSTON COLLEGE

Why Livingston Is Worth Saving

With the University Reorganization plans, the very reasons for Livingston College's existence are in dire jeopardy. The College's diverse and vital learning community and spirit of social responsibility and cultural awareness have been nationally recognized as important educational programs. These programs are all the more important and relevant, particularly in light of the issues and concerns we face in today's world climate.

- **For its Small-School Atmosphere Within A Larger University Environment:** Students have the ability to experience smaller, more intimate learning environments and still take advantage of Rutgers University stature as one of the best research universities in the country. It is a place where you are a name, not just a number, and you can get quicker and more personal support from the college staff.
- **Special Academic Offering:** You can get a minor in Leadership at Livingston College.
- **It's Personal and Personable Academic and Social Counseling Services:** Students have the benefit of more individualized counseling services not available in a larger university. Less bureaucracy means more attention and guidance.
- **Real-Life, Internship Program Opportunities:** Students can participate in internships, where they can develop life skills before graduating college, giving them a distinct advantage in the job market.
- **Leadership Development Opportunities:** LC students have greater opportunities to have leadership roles in student government, clubs and organizations, and play a key role in shaping the voice and scope of the college. Livingston's alumni include leaders in a variety of fields, including medicine, business, sports and the arts, all of whom credit the role that our college played in their personal and professional growth.
- **College of Choice:** More than 80% of the applicants applying to Livingston make the college their first choice rather than as a back-up option.

Without your help, countless future students will be deprived of the unique and exceptional experience which Livingston College offers. You can make a difference. Read How You Can Take Action to find out how you can make your voice and opinions heard and help preserve Livingston College's distinctive identity. Visit www.SaveLivingstonCollege.org today and take the first step.

How You Can Take Action

- Join the Livingston College Alumni Association. There is strength in numbers and our membership will have a larger voice in shaping the direction of the reorganization. To join our Association, visit www.SaveLivingstonCollege.org
- Visit www.SaveLivingstonCollege.org and learn more about the reorganization and ways that you can help. You'll find sample email messages on the Web site and other ways you can take action.
- Make your voice heard! Send an email to Rutgers President Richard McCormick (KONCSOL@oldqueens.rutgers.edu), Livingston College Dean Arnold G. Hyndman (hyndman@rci.rutgers.edu) and Acting Governor Richard J. Codey (http://www.nj.gov/governor/govmail.html), or contact these officials by mail.
- Attend the Transforming Undergraduate Forum on Friday, October 14 at the Livingston Student Center at 10 a.m. and voice your opinion in person. (If you are not available on this date, please visit www.SaveLivingstonCollege.org for dates of other Forums taking place at other locations throughout the University).
- If you are a contributor to the Livingston College or Rutgers University Annual Fund, consider withholding your 2005-2006 gift until you are satisfied with the direction of the reorganization. Money talks!
- Contact the Livingston Alumni Association at LAAemail@alumni.rutgers.edu to see how you can get further involved.

Without your help, Livingston College and the Livingston Alumni Association will no longer exist. You can make all the difference in the world by taking just one minute to tell the leadership of Livingston College and Rutgers University how you feel about the reorganization and the detrimental effects it will have on educational opportunities for students, as well as on the University's overall programs for students and alumni.

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reflect its values as a research university

This having been stated, I believe that some modifications to the Task Forces' suggested approach will better achieve the objectives of the Task Force and will better serve the undergraduates of Rutgers University. A stimulating and challenging intellectual environment should be the focus of undergraduate education. One that offers to all students a comprehensive learning experience, that is thoughtful and deliberate in integrating learning inside and out of the classroom. It also means appropriate and personalized instruction and academic advising by knowledgeable faculty and academic staff. Therefore, I believe that the following modifications should be made to the Task Force recommendations will provide for the coherent delivery of high quality undergraduate education in a manner that is consistent with best practices, and the geography and history of Rutgers University.

1) Establish single admissions standard for all the liberal arts colleges

a) Create a Rutgers School of Arts & Science which is the sole admitting unit for liberal arts students.

b) Once admitted students may affiliated with one of five college learning communities Busch, Douglass (for women only), Livingston, Queens and University (adult learners only).

c) Affiliation should be fluid and easy until a student has earned 60 credits at which time transfer to other units should be possible, but regulated. Affiliation should not be a barrier to students participating extra or co -curricular programs.

d) Each learning community must have access to adequate faculty and fiscal resources to develop enriching academic and co-curricular learning experiences for its undergraduates

2) Creation of the Rutgers Generalized Academic Core Curriculum (Core should include specific requirements for students to College thematic courses or other thematic courses.)

3) College Dean's remain responsible for Residence Life, Student Centers, Recreation Centers of their respective campus. Working cooperatively Deans and the Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs will develop uniform policy whenever practical. Each College will have a Faculty Governance Committee which will serve as a resource for the development and governance of at learning community.

A Plan for the Future of the
Livingston College Learning Community

Building on its tradition, history and current academic focus, Livingston has the potential to remain as a focused undergraduate learning community offering unique learning opportunities at Rutgers University. However, to do so requires a clear and defined commitment from a relatively small, but dedicated set of faculty and academic staff. In addition, unless the University immediately begins to significantly enhance all aspects of the Campus' academic and student support facilities, the campus will continue to be viewed as inferior to other learning environments at Rutgers, and the administrative restructuring of undergraduate education will have significantly reduced benefit (and potentially a negative impact) for those students associated with Livingston. There is universal agreement that the neglect of the Livingston Campus must end. To do so the following are all required:

1. Expansion of student center with a theater designed to support the activities of the Livingston Theater Company and related activities.
2 .New dinning facility directly associated with the Student Center
3. Expansion and improvement of the Campus Computing and Writing Centers
4. The availability of apartment style resident halls on the campus
5. New academic building that will house both modest size class rooms and will bring a social science department to this campus
6. The College town development or a comparable plan must be enacted.

Livingston College, as a learning community, would continue to emphasize leadership and community, and would add the additional academic focus of human performance. Students would initially be exposed to these themes through a first year course offered to students who affiliate with Livingston and by a minor requirement for affiliated students, as well as the college's co-curricular activities. Addition to the Core and an academic major, Livingston students would be required to complete a 18-21 credit minor in one of three areas: Organizational Leadership, Community and Global Studies and Human Performance. The College co-curricular activities would focus on themes reflective of these minors these would include: Global Futures Lectures, Student Leadership Opportunities, Internships, Livingston Theaters Company, Community Service and establishing collaborative learning opportunities with Cultural Centers, Creative Arts Centers, Education Centers, Athletic Settings, and Social Science departments.

Let The University Know How You Feel!!!

When the Foundation calls for a donation...

Tell them no, until there is a promise to keep Livingston forever!!!

LIVINGSTON COMMITMENT

"I was about to make a $250,000 gift in support of Livingston College. However, when I read the University Task Force Reorganization plans, I withdrew my intent to make the gift and I urge all alumni and donors to do the same until the University decision-makers make a commitment to ensure Livingston College's survival and viability."

- anonymous

LIVINGSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Do you want to help save Livingston College?

Then become an active member of the LAA

Go to
http://livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni/
and click "Join LAA"

The more members we have, the stronger our voice.

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Reunion Weekend 2005

The Classes of '75, '80, '85, '90, '95 & 2000 joined their fellow classmates on Saturday, May 14 for a day filled with tours, class dinners and a concert.

At the "Welcome Back to Livingston Campus Tour & Reception", Livingston Alumni networked and heard the latest campus news including the changing nature of the student body, advances in the academic program and the plans for Livingston campus development. The participants also took a campus tour.

The class of Class of 1975 held its class dinner in the President's Dining Room at the Rutgers Club. Alumni from the Classes of 1980 and 1985 shared a buffet dinner in the elegantly restored Winants Hall Assembly Room. The largest turn out with over 80 people were the Classes of 1990 and 1995. Class members enjoyed a cocktail party featuring, hors d'oeuvres, and light buffet dinner, dessert and music in a beautiful gallery of the Zimmerli Art Museum. The Class of 2000 met at the Red Lion Café in the Rutgers Student Center for cocktails and a buffet dinner. All class dinners received a surprise visit by Rutgers President Dr. Richard McCormick. President McCormick spoke of the vision for Rutgers' future including closing off College Avenue to traffic for a more peaceful and serene campus.

Attention: Class of '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, and 2001! If you are interested in helping with next year's reunion, please email LAAreunions@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Reunion Years

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Livingston Pride Award

The Livingston College Class of 2005 Senior Awards Banquet took place on May 11, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset, New Jersey. The LAA presented the Livingston Alumni Pride Award and a $100 check to graduating senior Lisa Lattanzi. She dedicated significant time and energy to Livingston through involvement in various student activities, including as a member of EOF honor society and participating in welcome week. Lisa stated in her application that, "Through academics, extracurricular activities and everyday interactions with students, faculty and the community at large, I have truly learned about diversity and gained valuable leadership skills while still having fun in the process. When I walk off campus on May 19, I'll take with me a tremendous sense of pride and honor of being a Livingston Graduate." Lisa truly represents the mission of Livingston College. Congratulations!

Homecoming

This year's Homecoming will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2005. The theme "Rutgers Homecoming 2005, Keeping the Spirit Alive" will headline the day as the Rutgers Scarlet Knights battle against Navy. The official start time of the game has not yet been determined. The pre-game celebrations will begin three hours prior to game time.

The Rutgers University Alumni Federation will sponsor a homecoming pre-game celebration to get us started at the Festival Fields adjacent to Rutgers Stadium. Alumni and friends can enjoy a play area with games and activities for children, alumni reception booths, free food, drinks, and souvenirs. The Livingston Alumni Association will also host an alumni reception with plenty of food and drinks, including our traditional LAA Homecoming cake. In addition, don't miss live performances by the Livingston Theatre Company (LTC) and the Liberated Gospel Choir.

Please contact us to let us know whether you and your family will be at the celebration. We would like to keep you informed of Homecoming plans as they develop. In order to respond, send an email to Bill Bauer at wsbauer@comcast.net with Homecoming 2005 in the subject line.

BEAT NAVY!!!

Nominate Livingston's Best

Nominations for the 2006 Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Awards and Seth Dvorin Young Alumni Award are now being accepted

In September 2000, the LAA established its Distinguished Alumni Award. This is the highest award the LAA and Livingston College bestows upon an alumnus. Since its inception, thirteen alumni have been selected for this honor. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 inductees. This award is presented to those alumni who have distinguished themselves by achievements in their fields of endeavor, by the leadership they have exhibited, and by the overall benefits to society resulting from their activities.

In 2004, the LAA established the Young Alumni Award in Honor of the Late LT. Seth Dvorin, LC'02, whose bravery, and valor while serving our country in Iraq represented the ideals and spirit of Livingston College. The Young Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus of Livingston College who graduated within the last ten years and who has demonstrated excellence in their field

If you would like to nominate a LC alumnus for either of these Awards, please submit a statement which includes the following information:

- Name of Nominee
- Year of Graduation from Livingston College
- Living or Deceased?
- Occupation and/or Title
- Nominee's Address
- Nominee's Telephone Numbers (day and evening)
- DAA or Young Alumni Award

List the nominee's significant accomplishments which make this person distinguished. Please provide the nominee's CV or resume, letters of recommendation and support, and any other relevant information or documentation you wish to be considered. Additionally, provide a brief statement as to why you think this LC alumnus should be considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award or the Young Alumni Award.

Please also provide your name, year of graduation from Livingston College, your day and evening contact telephone numbers, and your e-mail address.

Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005, but there's no need to wait that long! If you know of a deserving alumnus, submit your nomination as early as possible. You may submit your nomination to the LAA Elections and Nominations Committee via mail or facsimile:

Livingston Alumni Association
c/o Mike Rutkowski
Winants Hall, 7 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Fax Number: (732) 932-7621

Any inquiries or questions about the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award may also be made to the LAA Elections and Nominations Committee at LAAemail@alumni.rutgers.edu or visit our website at www.livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni for more information and updates.

Livingston College

The Livingston College Alumni Association's annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, June 21st, at Yorba Lounge in Tillet Hall, on the Livingston campus. As always, it's a pleasure to return to the campus for this meeting, and to a building that holds so many memories for all of us. Presentations were given by Dr. Arnold Hyndman, Dean of Livingston College, Brian Crockett, LC82, Vice President for External Programs, Rutgers University Foundation, and Roberta Kanarick, President of the Rutgers Alumni Federation. An election of LAA officers for the 2005-06 school year took place at the meeting and we are pleased to announce the results:

Executive Council

2005-2006

Executive Council Officers
President - Yash V. Dalal
1st Vice President - Marty Siederer
2nd Vice President - Jason Goldstein
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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 12, 2005 - Attend the LAA's Monthly Meeting and tell the executive council how you feel about reorg.

Friday, October 14, 2005 - Attend the University Forum and tell President McCormick how you feel about the task force recommendations. Livingston Student Center 10am-12pm.

October 29, 2005 - Homecoming: Rutgers vs Navy

Friday, November 4, 2005 - Deadline to submit nominations for Livingston College's Distinguished Alumni Award.

January 26-29, 2005 - Young Alumni Ski Trip. See website for more information.

May 2006 - Reunion Weekend 2006

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https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/RTG

Career Services
http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/alumniinfo.html

Livingston College Home Page
http://livingston.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Alumni Relations
http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/

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